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Elk Point remembers them

BY VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

Five scarlet-coated RCMP officers, four Canadian Armed Forces personnel from CFB Wainwright and a member of Cold Lake's Air Cadet Corps led a parade of organizations to Elk Point's cenotaph on Wednesday. The flame atop the edifice burned brightly and Canadian and Alberta flags waved gently in the breeze as representatives of governments, the military, organizations and businesses came forward one by one to bank its base with poppy-covered wreaths after Pastor Jim MacLellan of Elk Point Baptist Church led a prayer for our country.

A large crowd of observers then followed the colour party into the Seniors' Recreation Centre for a service of remembrance that began with the playing of 'The Last Post,' two minutes of silence, 'Reveille' and the recitation of the Act of Remembrance by master of ceremonies Mayor Parrish Tung, the assembled crowd affirming, "We will remember them."

After an opening prayer by Pastor MacLellan, four Elk Point Elementary School students made their way to the podium. Amy Harms and Olivia Rose Leaf recited "In Flanders Fields," Vanessa Ockerman presented "The Cross" and Ramsey Mudryk told about "The Airplane."

A group of singers and pianist Linda Peters from Elk Point Baptist Church led the singing of "Faith of our Fathers," and returned later in the program to lead other hymns.

Margaret Modin brought a message from Member of Parliament Brian Storseth that said in part, "It is an honour for us to remember... and to acknowledge all who are still fighting for peace today."

MLA Ray Danyluk paid tribute to the Armed Forces personnel, the RCMP members and the youth in the audience, noting, "It's so important (the youth) know and understand. Today is a day of recognition that touches everyone in a different way."

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Vicki Brooker photo

Placing the colours

A soldier from Canadian Forces Base Wainwright and a member of Elk Point RCMP Detachment placed the Canadian and Alberta flags at Elk Point's cenotaph to begin the Remembrance Day ceremonies.

Students lead touching ceremony

BY VICKI BROOKER
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Students and staff of the high school named after pioneer physician and World War I and World War II veteran Dr. F. G. Miller were joined by local seniors and other guests as they paid tribute to all those who have served Canada in the past and present at their Remembrance Day ceremonies last Tuesday.

St. Paul Royal Canadian Legion representative Del Smith placed a poppy-laden wreath in front of the stage before Ariel Kwasnycia led the singing of O Canada.

Five Grade 12 students, Robyn

Maennchen, Brittany Youngmans, Tanner Shankowski, Hillary Dallaire and Katelynn Vallee, came forward to light candles representing love, hope, peace, life and remembrance, as mistresses of ceremonies Alyx Aarbo and Ariel Kwasnycia explained their significance.

Taylor Jenner read the poem, My Canada, before Randall Krys and his Grade 8 band performed a musical tribute. This was followed by an original poem by Dusty Frisby.

Milo Smith told the story of World War I, highlighting major battles and the impact this "war to end all wars" had on the world.

Tanner Shankowski read the poem, Memories of the Heart.

A touching music video, "I Want to Live," featured interviews with servicemen.

"War affects us all," Hillary Dallaire said as she told the story of her great, great-grandfather, 'Big Bill,' a career soldier who fought in both World Wars and met his wife overseas. The stories passed down from both of them told of different perspectives on life in wartime.

Oliver Buck read a brief history of World War II and the Canadian involvement in the conflict, both at home and abroad.

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Legion member Del Smith places a wreath at the F. G. Miller ceremonies.



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Grant larger than expected, paves way for street improvement

By VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

Elk Point town council was pleasantly surprised to find the grant they had received from Alberta Transportation's infrastructure program was larger than the \$784,000 they had expected, instead totaling \$844,543. Mayor Parrish Tung estimates that a federal grant that will be put toward the same street and utility line improvement project planned for 50 Ave. west of 51 St. "should be \$213,000, and there's also a street improvement grant coming."

Water line breaks near Elk Point Health Centre have sent this project to the top of the town's priority list.

Area structure plan

Economic development coordinator Bob Bezpalko told council that he is planning to do an area structure plan of the EcoCentre site in the near future.

Bezpalko gave a comprehensive report on the Travel Industry of Alberta and Alberta Visitor Information Providers conferences he recently attended and the trends that are emerging in those fields. He feels a move away from the racks filled with conventional brochures would be eco-friendly, and that visitor information staff could instead print information downloaded off the Internet for their patrons. He has put in a request for computers for the EcoCentre, both for this use and for the eco education area.

Mayor Tung suggested a Smart Board, such as is used in an increasing number of school classrooms, for use in the eco education area, and also said this could be an option for sharing information in council chambers.

Recycling

Bezpalko inquired if any further developments had come forth in plans for a recycling depot. Coun. Dwayne Yaremkevich said Evergreen has promised a startup grant for a depot as a pilot project, and added, "it's our next goal." He agreed with Mayor Tung that the location of a recycling facility if of prime importance, and said, "it should be where it's watched, somewhere like the town shop," to make sure the facility is kept in a tidy condition and that material is contained by the site.

Repairs needed

One quote has been received to date for repair of structural damage to the A. G. Ross Arena. It is anticipated that the Arena Operating Committee may apply for funding under the joint operating grant to make the repairs.

Esso property

Council looked at a five-year lease they had received for a strip of property along the north side of the Esso land south of Railway Avenue, but noticed it does not have a renewal clause. Mayor Tung agreed to contact Esso to see if this could be added. The land in question would be used as an one-way exit from the EcoCentre parking lot.

Budget time

Elk Point FCSS has already submitted their 2010 budget to council, who perused and accepted it at last Monday's meeting.

Administrative law

A course in administrative law is being offered, dealing with the procedures related to assessment review. Town manager Myron Goyan will check to see if the County of St. Paul will be sending a representative to take the course. If so, the town may not need to duplicate this effort, as this is a regional review board.

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Drug search finds two sought on outstanding warrants

By Cst. JOHN SPAANS

Elk Point RCMP Detachment

On Nov. 7, Elk Point RCMP executed a search warrant on a residence in Frog Lake after receiving information that marihuana was being sold from the house.

During the search, three individuals were taken into custody and approximately \$1,500 worth of marihuana was seized along with a large quantity of drug paraphernalia and Canadian currency. Two individuals inside the residence were found to be wanted on a total of eight outstanding warrants. Charged are Fredrick Smith and Ashton Smith of Frog Lake and Jamie Steinhauer of Edmonton.

All three have been charged with possession of

marihuana for the purpose of trafficking and possession of property obtained by crime.

Suspicious behaviour, 24-hour suspension

On Friday, Nov. 6 at 2 p.m., Elk Point RCMP received a call from a concerned citizen reporting that a silver vehicle was parked on the side of Highway 646 east of Elk Point. As the complainant passed, they noticed that a male was consoling a female who appeared to be crying. There was also a beer can visible on the hood of the car. Members conducted patrols for the vehicle and found it turning onto Highway 41. A traffic stop was conducted and both parties identified. The female who had been crying was safe and no criminal activity had taken place. However, in talking

with the male driver, it was determined that he had recently consumed alcohol. A roadside test was administered and the male was issued a 24-hour suspension.

Public intoxication

Early in the morning of Nov. 7, Elk Point RCMP were contacted by staff at the Elk Point Health Centre who were concerned about intoxicated people wanting to visit an ill patient. Members attended and located three grossly intoxicated individuals who were not cooperating with hospital staff. All three were arrested for public intoxication and were housed in detachment cells until sober enough for release.

Later in the day on Nov. 7, Elk Point members were alerted to an intoxicated male trying to instigate fights near Highway 41 and 50 Ave. The male began harassing a female whose boyfriend stepped in to stop him. Upon doing so, the boyfriend was punched by the intoxicated male and the suspect fled the area. Members conducted patrols for the male but were

unable to locate any possible suspects.

Domestic violence

During the afternoon of Nov. 8, Elk Point RCMP were contacted by an individual who was concerned for the welfare of a close relative. The complainant noticed that their relative showed signs of being in a fight and requested police investigate. Members attended the residence of the complainant's relative and determined that she had been assaulted two nights prior but was not suffering serious injuries. Investigation into the matter identified a male suspect. Charges are pending against the Elk Point male.

Information omitted

Last week's story on the sale of equipment from the Windsor Club omitted to note where money raised from the sale would go.

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a. Schedule "C" - Schedule of Sign Regulation

Please **TAKE NOTICE** that on November 23, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. at the Elk Point Council Chambers located at 4910-50 Avenue, a Public Hearing will be held to hear from anyone who feels they may be affected by the proposed amendment.

Anyone wishing to be heard either directly or on someone else's behalf may make oral representation at the Public Hearing. Written submissions are acceptable and must be delivered prior to the Public Hearing to the Administration Office address indicated above.

At the Public Hearing, the Mayor shall direct to hear representation first from the applicant, then from those property owners who claim to be directly affected by the proposed disposal, followed by any other person who wishes to make representation.

Myron Goyan, Manager
Town of Elk Point
Box 448, Elk Point, AB.
T0A 1A0

Dated at Elk Point, AB., this 2nd day of November, 2009.

County of St. Paul No. 19
RE: ARMISTICE BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION

The County of St. Paul No. 19 is hereby giving notice that the Armistice Road will be closed for thru traffic due to the replacement of the bridge at the Northeast Quarter of Section Seven (07), Township Fifty Seven (57), Range Seven (07), West of the Fourth Meridian (W4M), which is located 9 km west of Elk Point. Please find an alternate route.

Construction will begin on November 14, 2009 and is speculated to be completed by December 19, 2009.

We would like to thank you in advance for your patience and your cooperation.

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to call **780-645-3006**.

Nurses' mentor honoured with prestigious national leadership award

By VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

Levina Ewasiuk knows by experience of the success to be obtained through distance education, and her efforts to pass that knowledge on to others recently brought her a prestigious national award.

"I made it possible, but they did the work."

- Levina Ewasiuk

Ewasiuk, an Elk Point area resident who is the Nurse Manager for Treaty Six's Lakeland Area, was presented with the National Managers' Community Leadership Award, 'Making a difference in Public Service Regional Excellence in Initiative,' at the Alberta Managers' Forum in Calgary on Oct. 19.

After graduating at the top of her class from the Royal Alexandra Hospital School of Nursing in 1978 after three years of full-time study, the farm wife and mother of three continued her education by distance learning through Lakeland College, earning her Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree from the University of Alberta in 1984 and became the Nurse in Charge at Kehewin Health Centre. She earned her Master's degree in Organizational Leadership from Gonzaga University in Spokane, WA in 1992, and says, "I wouldn't have done it without distance education." She recalls that she, Sheila Thompson and Liz Poitras car-pooled to weekend seminars in Cold Lake and Lloydminster, where she was "the only nurse there," and traveled to Spokane by bus for their graduation.

Soon after she became the Zone Nurse Manager in 2002, Health Canada First Nations and Inuit Health Branch (FNIHB), Alberta Region developed a five-year nursing education strategic plan in response to the Health Professions Act and entry to practice with the Baccalaureate Nursing degree. The following year, criteria for funding support of nursing education were developed, and Ewasiuk initiated discussions about the possibility of an off-campus, St. Paul-based Post RN BScN program. At the end of October, 2004, U of A Faculty of Nursing recruitment officer Joan Liu held an information session at the St. Paul Health Unit, with 25 RNs in attendance, 14 of them tentatively signing up for a course to start the next January.

However, after the course details were ironed out, only six of the students met the application deadline, and the start date was deferred to the fall of 2005.

"It took a lot of promoting. People weren't sure they could commit to the course," Ewasiuk notes "I kept saying, we've got to get more."

By July 8, 15 nurses from greater St. Paul - Bonnyville area had applied for the St. Paul program. On Sept. 12, Nursing 468 began at St. Therese Health Centre with Lillian Turzanski as the instructor, and Blue Quills College providing computer lab facilities. Subsequent courses were held in St. Paul and Bonnyville, with support courses at Portage College. Some of the students also accessed courses through Athabasca University and the U of A.

Ten graduates gathered August 28 of this year, along with representatives of the U of A Faculty of Nursing, the province, and region and FNIHB, for a celebration of their success.

"I got each of them an

achievement award," Ewasiuk says. It took them years to achieve that goal, working full time and doing courses in the evening." She downplays her role in the achievement, noting, "I made it possible, but they did the work."

The blended group was made up of both First Nations and Alberta Health Services nurses, and two of

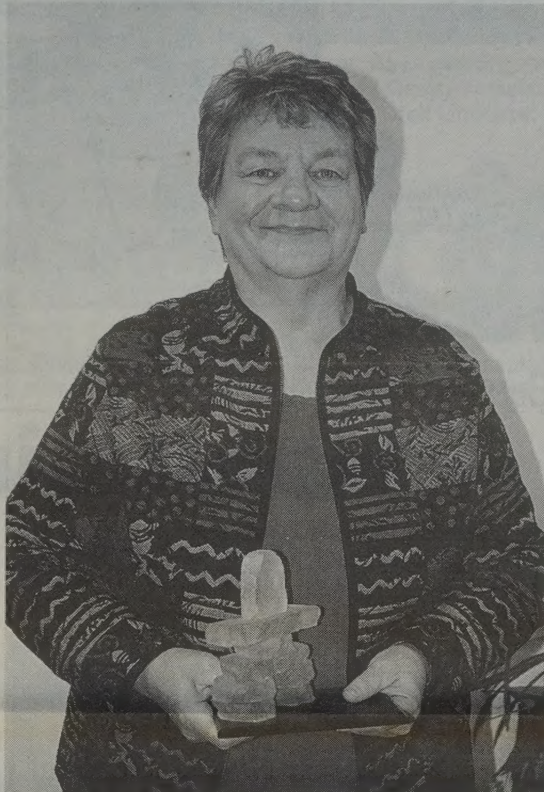
them worked for First Nations and then took other jobs, Ewasiuk says. As a result of their achievements, "Our whole region will benefit. Our quality of nursing service has just gone up."

Many of the graduates told Ewasiuk they couldn't have gotten their degree without distance education, although she notes that one member from the original

2004 group "did go full time, and completed the course in 11 months."

Marie Cardinal, Nurse in Charge at Cold Lake First Nations Health Centre, who nominated Ewasiuk for the award, says that due to work and family commitments, "I probably wouldn't have been able to complete my nursing degree if not for the fact that it was made avail-

able through distance learning. With Levina being instrumental in bringing the educational opportunity to the rural area, I've been able to realize my dream. I believe that Levina, by providing leadership, support and mentorship, exemplified the criteria for this award and deserves to be recognized for her achievements."



Levina Ewasiuk proudly displays her National Managers' Community Leadership Award.



Important update on the

H1N1 vaccine

Due to the unexpected national shortage of the H1N1 vaccine, Alberta Health Services has begun a targeted plan to provide immunization to high-risk groups.



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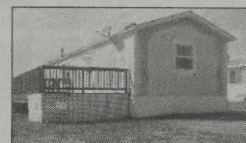


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EDITORIAL

Ceremony well presented

Last Tuesday's ceremony at F. G. Miller High School left the post-school-age members of the audience confident that the observance of Remembrance Day will live on in this community.

The ceremony was well planned, well-executed, tasteful and filled with respect for Canada's military of both past and present. Presenters were well-spoken, easily heard and kept the attention of their audience.

That audience was also well-behaved and respectful, with not even a nagging cough interrupting the two minutes of silence.

The music videos were very apt, and well suited to both the mixed age groups of audience and the occasion. The live music, from band, bagpiper and trumpeter, also enhanced the occasion. Well done, everyone!

WAY BACK WHEN...

Remains, rat scare, remembrance

HERE'S THE NEWS THAT MADE THE HEADLINES OF THE LAKELAND REVIEW AND THE ELK POINT REVIEW FOR THE WEEK OF NOV. 17 IN...

1984

Sally Adomaitis was named the Best All-Around Senior and Kathy Mistol the Best All-Around Junior at F. G. Miller High School's awards night. Property tax collection for the current year was \$2,000 ahead of the previous year's figures, town administrator Pat Vincent reported to council.

1989

A sizeable parade followed RCMP Cst. J. Stockley, drummer Jason Morris and Royal Canadian Sea Cadets Denis Jasinsky and Terry Wakaruk past representatives of four levels of government and members of the Royal Canadian Legion on the reviewing stand at the Elk Point Post Office as they marched to the cenotaph for Remembrance Day ceremonies. Three individuals were charged with first-degree murder in the death of Geoffrey Dorey, whose remains were found in the charred rubble of his home.

1994

Elk Point's ambulance service was back on the road, at least on a temporary basis, after two lengthy meetings between representatives of own and county councils, Elk Point Municipal Hospital and ambulance owner Fred Lambright resulted in a subsidy split between the two councils. Elk Point and area was alerted to the presence of Norway rats after a local resident noticed tracks and droppings near a mobile home.

1999

Wheelchair-bound Royal Canadian Legion president Louis Verhagen presented the Legion Medal of Honour to member Genevieve Russell in recognition of all her work and dedication to the Legion in a difficult time. Town council approved a new youth curfew bylaw, which prohibited children 15 and under from being in any place to which the public has access between the hours of 11 p.m. and 6 a.m. unless accompanied by a parent or guardian.

2004

Elk Point's faltering Royal Canadian Legion Branch 151 passed the Remembrance Day torch to the community, with first vice president Genevieve Russell announcing that this was the final service the Legion would host, as the branch would be closed at the end of the month due to lack of membership. Liberal candidate Dickson Broomfield and Progressive Conservative candidate Ray Danyluk faced off at a poorly attended pre-election forum in Heinsburg.



GUEST COLUMN

Habits in review

Last Wednesday, Nov. 11 was a very important day. Remembrance Day services were held throughout Canada and in Elk Point as well. May we never forget our habit of remembering Nov. 11.

Speaking of habits, there is a story told of students who have the habit of sitting in desks when they go to school. Thank you Margaret and Erna for passing the following story on to me.

"Back in September, on the first day of school, Martha Cothren, a social studies school teacher at Robinson High School, did something not to be forgotten. On the first day of school, with the permission of the school superintendent, the principal and the building supervisor, she removed all of the desks out of her classroom. When the first period kids entered the room they discovered that there were no desks. 'Ms. Cothren, where're our desks?' She replied, 'You can't have a desk until you tell me how you earn the right to sit at a desk.' They thought, 'Well maybe it's our grades.' 'No,' she said. 'Maybe it's our behavior.' She told them, 'No, it's not even your behavior.' And so, they came and went, the first period, second period, third period. Still no desks in the classroom. By early afternoon television news crews had started gathering in Ms. Cothren's classroom to report about this crazy teacher who had taken all the desks out of her room. The final period of the day came and as the puzzled students found seats on the floor of the deskless classroom, Martha Cothren said, 'Throughout the day no one has been able to tell me just



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what he/she has done to earn the right to sit at the desks that are ordinarily found in this classroom. Now I am going to tell you.' At this point, Martha Cothren went over to the door of her classroom and opened it.

Twenty-seven (27) War Veterans, all in uniforms, walked into the classroom, each one carrying a school desk. The Vets began placing the school desks in rows, and then they would walk over and stand alongside the wall ... By the time the last soldier had set the final desk in place those kids started to understand, perhaps for the first time in their lives,

just how the right to sit at those desks had been earned... Martha said, 'You didn't earn the right to sit at these desks. These heroes did it for you. They placed the desks here for you. Now, it's up to you to sit in them. It is your responsibility to learn, to be good students, to be good citizens. They paid the price so that you could have the freedom to get an education. Don't ever forget it.'

Speaking of students and habits, we feel very fortunate that FCSS is able to once again bring in Steve Harmer to speak to the students at the Elk Point Elementary School this afternoon and to students and parents tonight. The topic this afternoon is "The Magic of Leadership". Students need to know they can be leaders with their behavior. Tonight the topic is: "7 Habits of Highly Effective Kids". Many of us know of Stephen R. Covey who wrote the bestseller book: "The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People". He also wrote the follow up book: "The 8th Habit from Effectiveness to Greatness". These books really teach us powerful lessons in personal change. What Steve Harmer will be doing this afternoon and tonight is using his motivational magic to illustrate these important lessons to the younger generation.

Habits of remembering, going to school, and habits of being effective in our own behavior is something we all can review.

The Elk Point Review publishes a variety of opinions as a contribution to debate on matters of public concern. Unsigned editorials express the view of this newspaper's editorial board which includes the Publisher and the Editor. Signed pieces express the view of the individual writer.

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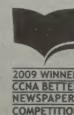


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Senior Girls winning team: the Crusader mascot, Myles Quinney, coach Laura Lilje, with back: Kelsey Vinge, middle: Robyn Maennchen, Katie Maennchen, Alyx Aarbo, Kimmy Hudy, front: Caitlin Brooks



Senior Boys winning team: coach Brian Poitras, Dylan Kwasnycia, Brendan Bishop, Gregory Babcock, Dylon Loughran, coach Myles Quinney, front: Evan Faithful, Brett Lindquist, Josh Aarbo.

Crusaders volley for Timmy

By SANDRA BISHOP
F. G. Miller High School

The perfect conclusion to a home tournament is to win the finals, and the F. G. Miller girls and boys feel perfectly happy about capturing the gold medals at home. On November 7 and 8, guests from area high schools faced the Crusaders in the annual Timmy Quinney Memorial Volleyball Tournament, held in remembrance of former student Timmy Quinney and sponsored by his family.

In the first game of the final girls' set between Marwayne Wildcats and F. G. Miller Crusaders, the Crusaders battled to win, 25 - 23. The second game showed a greater gap in the scores, 25 - 19, but belied the intensity of the competition. F. G. Miller girls were delighted with their gold medal finish. Said coach, Laura Lilje, in reference to the whole tournament, "There was a lot of good volleyball, a lot of close games. Both the F. G. Miller boys and girls were well represented. I'm really happy with the way it turned out."

The boys created tension for the coaches and fans by pushing their final set to three games. Facing Vegreville Composite High School, the Crusaders lost the first game 21 - 25. They gathered strength in the second game, winning 25 - 16. The last game of the set was a nail-biter, as the third game in a match is only played to 15, and the teams change sides when the first team scores eight points. At the change, the score was 8 - 7 for the Crusaders, and they were forced to apply

pressure to end the game. Following some stress-filled moments, they pulled ahead to defeat Veg. Comp. 15 - 10. Coach Brian Poitras commented, "It was a long day and the guys played well all day. It was a nice thing to see in our home tournament."

Myles Quinney thanked the teams for their great

showing and for helping to make this tournament a success. Both first and second place teams were presented with plaques, and the Crusaders each received a medal. In congratulating the silver and gold medalists, Quinney said, "It is an honour to be here in memory of my brother, Timmy, also, in being a part of the F.

G. Miller volleyball team as an assistant coach." Myles, his brother Devin, and nephew Dayton presented the plaques and medals on behalf of the whole Quinney family.



Brett Lindquist accepted the plaque for the senior boys' Crusaders.

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RCMP, Legion and CFB Wainwright personnel lead the parade of government and organization representatives to the outdoor ceremony at Elk Point's cenotaph.

Elk Point remembers them

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Danyluk recently met with Cpl Ashley Van Leeuwen, whose first mission in Afghanistan was cut short when a suicide bomber smashed into the armoured vehicle in which he was riding. A comrade and close friend died in the attack, and Van Leeuwen has now returned to Afghanistan, to continue the mission he and that friend had planned together. The incident "speaks to the heroism and ultimate sacrifice" of today's service personnel, Danyluk said.

Danyluk and other MLAs recently spent a day at the Edmonton forces base and "learned about the environment our troops face. It was a very humbling experience and hard to understand. I cannot describe the impact of seeing buses of departing soldiers pull away and their families waving goodbye. I had a deeper appreciation that day for the men and women who fight for our rights and freedoms."

"Today is a day to stop our routines and reflect on our gains," Coun. Mark Gormley said on behalf of the Town of Elk Point. "When I was young, it was a day to remember those who served in World War I and II. As I grew older, I came to realize, 'God, I'm glad I live in Canada.' It's nice to know the Canadian efforts past and present have made a difference. Remembrance Day is truly a year-round event."

County of St. Paul Coun. Glen Ockerman thanked today's technology for an e-mail that emphasized to him the importance of our armed forces. "My sister sent me 'The Highway of Heroes,' and I look at it once a month to remind me of those who make this a better world." He echoed Gormley's sentiments, adding, "Let's think about them year-round."

St. Paul Education Regional Division board chairman Darrell Younghans thanked the town and community for carrying on with Remembrance Day services "now the Legion is gone."

The first Armistice Day, 90 years ago, "was a day to celebrate the end of World War I. Now it's a day to remember and honour those who have served our country. Now we have veterans as young as 23 - it puts it all into perspective." Younghans said that when he saw the planes hit the World Trade Centre, "I thought we could be on the brink of war, and what that would mean to us and our families."

Capt. Bruce Boyles from CFB Wainwright said the Canadian Forces currently includes 65,000 regular forces personnel, 25,000 in the reserves and 28,000 civilian workers. Some 3,000 are deployed overseas, and "each day, a third of the deployable forces are either preparing for, engaged in or returning from overseas service."

He told the group that while CFB Cold Lake conducts air operations, Wainwright teaches "soldier skills, collective training on a large scale... with state of the art battle-field simulation."

The Canadian forces are currently deployed in Afghanistan and 41 other countries, he noted. Since 2002, 20,000 Canadian armed forces personnel have served overseas and 133 have lost their lives, "34 of them since last Remembrance Day," he noted.

A community like ours rarely gathers unless it's for something important," Pastor MacLellan said. "The atten-

dance today shows that this day is important." He commended FCSS Director Deanna Easthope and her volunteers for their role in carrying on the tradition, and noted, "I've been here 20 years. This has been an annual event organized by various groups, and now the FCSS. Various churches take part, and one of our freedoms is religious freedom. You as a community have various viewpoints. Here is the Christian viewpoint on war and peace."

Pastor MacLellan outlined three "truth claims," the first, from Matthew 24: 4-7, "wars will continue. There are 21 wars around the world today." The second, from the same Bible passage, "wars will not last forever," he equated to labour pains that "we try to manage, ease and comfort, and look beyond to the joy of what the pains are signifying is yet to come." The third truth, he said, came from an old camp song based on a passage from Isaiah, which includes the words, "ain't goin' to study war no more." "There will be peace in the world when Jesus Christ returns, bringing global justice and peace."

Following a final prayer by Pastor MacLellan, Mayor Tung thanked the community, the armed force, RCMP, politicians, the organizations, the FCSS We Remember Committee, the town and its public works department, the Baptist Church singers, Pastor MacLellan, the Pioneer Circle for the use of the facility and the lunch, and the St. Paul Royal Canadian Legion for their parts in the observances.



Amy Harms and Olivia Rose Leaf recited John McCrae's classic World War I poem, "In Flanders Fields" for the crowd at the Elk Point Seniors Recreation Centre, at ceremonies led by Mayor Parrish Tung.



Air Cadet Jackson Kjenner, Elk Point RCMP members, CFB Wainwright personnel and St. Paul Royal Canadian Legion representative Mae Hendrickson salute as O Canada is played at the outdoor portion of Elk Point's Remembrance Day ceremonies.

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LEST WE FORGET



Laura Lilje and her Grade 12 students paid fitting tribute to Canada's armed forces, past and present at the F. G. Miller High School Remembrance Day ceremonies on Nov. 10.

Mistresses of ceremonies Alyx Aarbo and Ariel Kwasnycia stand in silent tribute with candle bearers Brittany Youngmans, Robyn Maennchen, Tanner Shankowski, Katelynn Vallee and Hilary Dallaire. The candles represented love, hope, peace, life and remembrance.

Vicki Brooker photos



Students lead ceremony

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Talented young bagpiper Merrick Fenton played a lament before Brittany Youngmans read the poem, "Why Wear a Poppy."

"War continues," Alyx Aarbo told the assembly, speaking of the wars that have followed World War II, the numerous peacekeeping missions that have involved Canadian armed forces personnel, and the current war on terror. "Defending others' rights is what Canadians do," she noted.

Brett Lindquist and Josh Gadowski came forward to read the twin poems, "In Flanders Fields" and "We Shall Keep the Faith," before another video presentation, Aaron Lines' "Somebody's Son," flashed on the screen.

Randall Kryns played "The Last Post" and "Reveille" before and after the moment of silence in remembrance of those who served our country and made the ultimate sacrifice in the cause of peace and freedom.

The program ended with "Amazing Grace" by the bagpiper, and words of appreciation from the MCs to the Legion representatives, Superintendent of Schools Glen Brodziak and St. Paul Regional Education Division No. 1 board chairman Darrell Youngmans for their attendance.



Young talent was part of the ceremony. Above, Dusty Frisby read an original poem of tribute he had written.

At left, bagpiper Merrick Fenton played a stirring rendition of *Amazing Grace*.

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Mark played Junior A in Bonnyville and right now, there's another rising star from Elk Point, defenseman Jordan Krankowsky, who is making his name for him-

self as well, getting loads of ice time, playing on the power play and penalty kill, he scored a goal and assisted on another in Friday night's winning game against St. Albert.



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Review Sports

So take this advice all you boys and girls out there, don't let anyone crush your dream and say you're not good enough. It is possible to make it, just believe in yourself, work hard and make it happen.

Now here some of our rising stars who may very well follow the footsteps of "the Marksman"

The Novice #1 team played on Saturday in Mannville, the smooth skating Angus MacFarlane with a hat trick in the game, rugged winger Dylan Ference finding the twine with one, set up man Parker Allen with two helpers, Zachary McFarlane and

Ethan Tremblay also assisting. On Sunday at home the Novice #1 team had a much tougher time with the visiting team from Vermilion. Defenseman Colton Van Maarion helping out his goalie blocked some hard shots from the point, Erin Duffee and Cyle Graus doing some great back checking in this game.

Seems like our novice teams are doing better on the road than at home for some strange reason. The Novice #2 team had a tough time on Saturday against Vermilion at home, but traveled to St. Paul on Sunday and picked up a huge 7 to 2 win. Dustyn Pankiw and Kaiden Evan-Anderson with a hat trick each, Wolke Cuvea with a single, his brother, goalie Lyon Cuvea, was between the pipes doing an awesome job blocking the rubber.

The novice teams did well on the road but not so for our bantams. Or, maybe we could blame it on Friday the 13th, nothing but bad luck was amok, the road game for the Bantam Avalanche was more like road kill when they traveled

to Mallaig last Friday night, nothing much to report on in this one.

The good news is they didn't dwell on it, and bounced back Sunday afternoon at home, winning a squeaker 6 to 5 and picking up two points against the Dewberry Colts, coached by a former Thunder player and wagon driver Kurt Bensmiller.

Talented team captain Dan "the Man" Garrett with a hat trick, Dayton Mercredi, Dakota "Doc" Amyotte with a goal each, Jared "Snipes" McGilvery with a goal and an assist, D man Brett "the Moose" Ockerman and Davis Desjarlais also assisting. Dustin Demers and Brandon "Snake" Garrett both out there pounding away, working hard and contributing to the cause.

Friday the 13th didn't seem to have any affect the Midget Girls Storm at all when they hosted Vermilion. Tied four all going into the third period the girls would eventually power out and lose this one, but never weakened, battled to the bitter end. The towering power forward Kelsey "the Champ" Vinge with a hat trick, Katie Maennchen with a single, her sister Robyn "the Brick house" Maennchen facing somewhere in the neighborhood of about 80 shots.

And this is where it all starts; our Micro Novice team had a big 10 - 1 win on the weekend in Mannville. Right off the draw, in less than two minutes, Liam Ludlage scored a hat trick, which is great, but in micro novice the maximum scoring allowed is three, so Liam may have to pace himself next time or play in goal for the rest of the game. Jace Stafford and Brandon Goertzen with hat tricks as well, and the big little guy Danny Cardinal finding the back of the net with his one.

Without a midget team of our own, Elk Point players Harrison Maas, Wyatt Dewan, Dino Meger, Jared Vall, Jamison Wozniak and Brad McFarlane are playing for the St. Paul Canadiens Midget 'B' team. Diane Dewan reports that on Friday night they played in St. Paul against Meadow Lake and won 7 - 6, with Wyatt in net and Jamison Wozniak scoring two goals and providing two assists, Harrison Maas also adding an assist. Saturday night they went to Lac La Biche and lost 5-3 in what was still a very good game, Harrison Maas scored the first goal for the Canadiens.

And now for the K.A. Campbell quote of the week. "Does a one-legged duck swim in circles?" Last week's answer to: "It was like I got a free buzz and now I have the hangover." - Jamie Baker after he collided with a team mate and knocked his head on the ice.

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Reeve-at-large bylaw approved by county council

By JANICE HUSER
Review Contributor

Last week, County of St. Paul council carried the second and third readings of Bylaw 1530 to approve a reeve at large system, following the plebiscite that was held on Oct. 26 that saw the majority of voters voting in favour of the bylaw.

Because of the result of the plebiscite, council was required to pass second and third readings, making the result binding, explains CAO for the County, Sheila Kitz. Now, council must work on changing the current boundaries, which means there will be only six

divisions across the County of St. Paul instead of the current seven divisions for the 2010 municipal election, if all goes as planned.

According to Kitz, council has just enough time to make the needed changes, in accordance with the Municipal Government Act. Changes to boundaries must be done 180 days prior to the October election.

"We've worked backwards on the timeline to figure things out," says Kitz. This means the boundary change must be complete by April 20. The first reading of the bylaw changes would have to be done by Jan. 12, and "that's not very far

away."

Time needs to be allotted for advertising the bylaw, possibly holding a public hearing if council chooses so, and then, the bylaw should be brought back to council for the March 17 regular meeting.

However, if a petition is received voicing opposition to the proposed boundary changes, then the timeline simply won't work, says Kitz. A similar situation unfolded in another Albertan municipality. The minister of municipal affairs at the time had the municipality retain the previous boundaries, along with having a reeve at large,

she explains. This meant there was an even number of elected officials sitting in council chambers.

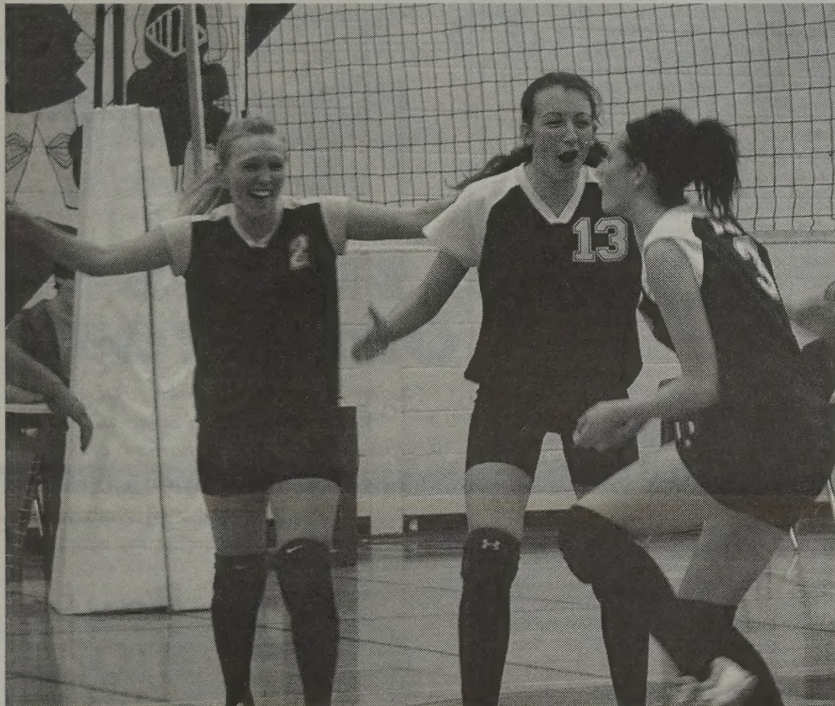
"That's not desirable," she adds. With an even number of elected officials, it can be hard to get things done since a tie vote means the issue is defeated.

Council will get together on Dec. 16 to discuss options and look at different scenarios to decide where boundaries will be drawn. The tight timeline means council may not get the chance to get public input, although Kitz says getting such input would be ideal.

"There is a lot of work that needs to be done

between now and an election," says Minister of Municipal Affairs Ray Danyluk, who is also the local MLA and who has sat on County council in the past. Danyluk says he is neither in favour nor against the reeve at large system. The positive of having a reeve at large, he says, is allowing everyone the opportunity to decide who will be council's leader, while the negative is that the reeve at large is not accountable to his or her council to the same degree.

"The communication will be different," Danyluk adds.



Sandra Bishop photo

Crusader power!

Katie Maennchen, Alyx Aarbo and Caitlin Brooks celebrate a successful play in the Timmy Quinney Memorial Volleyball Tournament.

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By DAPHNE SCHNURER
Librarian

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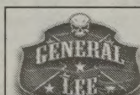
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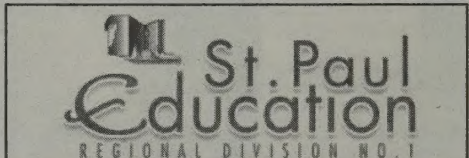
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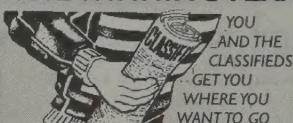
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Campers will pay for firewood in 2010

By JANICE HUSER
Review Contributor

As of the 2010 camping season, campers visiting county-run campsites will have to pay for firewood, due mostly to abuse and wastefulness taking place, County of St. Paul council decided at its Nov. 10 meeting. The charge is being implemented instead of increasing park fees.

A review of the amount of wood being used in 2009 was conducted, and after looking at the results, the Parks Committee suggested the County of St. Paul implement a charge for wood at \$10 per Gator-load.

"Our wood use last year was excessive," explained County of St. Paul employee Ken Warholik. The parks actually ran out of wood in 2009, he added. "It was unreal last year."

Warholik said it is a common occurrence to see fires burning in campsites without anyone around. He suggested that campers could purchase wood as they arrive at the parks. The wood would be delivered to camp stalls with the use of each parks' Gator.

Warholik believes that charging the \$10 fee per load will help curb costs and stop some of the abuse that is taking place. In addition, he believes "there is wood leaving the premises" because it is free.

Following a few questions and a quick discussion, council approved the recommendation.

Regional water

Both the Town of Elk Point and the County of St. Paul have agreed to move forward with plans to put in a water line that will run from the Town of St. Paul's water treatment to Elk Point.

The County of St. Paul and Town of Elk Point are making applications under the Water For Life provincial program, with councils asking if the current approval for projects under the Water Wastewater Grant can be used toward these new projects instead.

County of St. Paul council also discussed whether or not to install a line from Ashmont to Lottie Lake. Information from Associated Engineering recommends the county look at

putting in the line, as opposed to upgrading the Lottie Lake treatment plant. Both projects would cost about half a million dollars. However, if the county applies for the project under the Water For Life program, there could be a waiting period of a couple of years, council heard.

The amount of water, not the quality of water, is the issue at Lottie Lake, council heard. During the summer, water is sometimes hauled to the subdivision to keep up with the demand, said Reeve Robert Bouchard.

IDP

Council passed the third reading to approve the Inter Municipal Development Plan, which included changes that were made before second reading of the

bylaw. Those changes were made in response to ratepayers voicing concerns about the Town of St. Paul's annexation of land located north of town for light industrial purposes. Now the Inter Municipal Development Plan Committee must deal with the amendments to the plan.

Ferguson Flats

A previous request for funding made by ratepayers in the Ferguson Flats area has now been approved. The community members have been busy replacing the floor at the community centre, and are planning on doing other improvements to the hall in the future.

Council approved \$8,000 to go to the hall to help cover costs of the new floor.

"It's one of our more

high usage halls," said Coun. Glen Ockerman.

Clubroot

On Oct. 22, the Ag Service Board passed a motion that all equipment coming into the county must be thoroughly washed, to prevent the spread of clubroot disease. Last week, council approved a motion that will require a notice to be printed on all tender documents,

stating, "Equipment entering the County of St. Paul from other Municipalities must be washed to help prevent the spread of clubroot disease."

Tender

A bid for \$3,000 was accepted for the purchase of the land where the Owlseye Hall once stood, while a bid for \$22,020 was denied for

the land where the St. Brides Hall was demolished. A portion of the St. Brides facility still does stand and could be used for storage.

LARA

The Lakeland Agricultural Research Association took time to speak to council about the past growing season. LARA offered council a quick presentation, and some information about test plots done this year.

A farmer's appreciation night is being held in Glendon on Jan. 23, which is free to all who want to attend. Also, LARA's Annual General Meeting and Research Report will take place on Feb. 25, also in Glendon.

RC Club tax exemption under debate

By JANICE HUSER
Review Contributor

Last week, County of St. Paul council considered its granting of tax exemption to the Elk Point Remote Control Flyers Society, with current members and a former member arguing for and against its tax-exempt status.

Two years ago, Ron Lesyk, president of the club, approached council to request the land in question be tax-exempt, a request to which council agreed.

Now Lesyk is no longer even a member of the group. At the Nov. 10 meeting, Lesyk spoke to council, informing them that he believed there had been changes made to a portion of land in the Elk Point area that is currently tax exempt because it is being used by the previously registered society.

Lesyk said he believes machinery and trucks are being stored on the property, along with the

landowner storing some personal items there. Stipulations set forth by council required that the club be a registered non-profit organization, with the land being open for public use. Lesyk believes this is no longer the case. He added that new buildings have even been constructed on the property without permits being taken out.

Lesyk now says he does not believe the club should be tax exempt, because, "No one gets tax exemptions for their hobbies."

Later in the meeting, Pat Yakimec and other members of the flying club spoke to council. The flying club members explained that after the club's new executive was organized and Lesyk was no longer a part of the club, Lesyk went by himself and cancelled the society's registration.

According to members, the paperwork to reregister the society is going to be sent away very soon. But, after Coun. Maxine Fodness questioned the members about their club's

bylaws and membership, members admitted that they may have more work ahead of them than previously thought.

Members admitted that some personal items are being stored on the land, but said much of the equipment is also used for upkeep of the land, such as grass cutting. Council also recommended that the group lease the land from the landowner.

Technically, the County of St. Paul is cancelling taxes on private land for a group that doesn't exist on paper, said Coun. Cliff Martin.

"I think you really need to get your club in order," said Fodness, adding, "There's been mistakes on both sides."

The taxes that would typically be charged on the land come to about \$400 per year, it was noted. Council chose to table a decision regarding the tax exemption until more information is known.

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Armistice Road closed for upgrade

By JANICE HUSER
Review Contributor

Armistice Road, located between St. Paul and Elk Point, will be closed to throughway traffic for about a month while improvements are made to the Atimoswe Creek bridge.

County of St. Paul council approved the lowest tender for the project at last week's regular council meeting on Nov. 10, with the tender coming in at \$282,500.

Public Works has made some big signs to let motorists know the road will be closed. Also, letters are being sent to residents living in the area.

A detour has been set up to re-route traffic to the north around the construction area while the work is under-way.



The usually quiet Atimoswe Creek valley west of Armistice is a beehive of activity this week as crews work to replace the bridge on the heavily-traveled Armistice Road. Vicki Brooker photo

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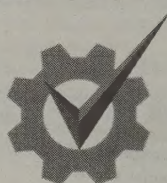
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